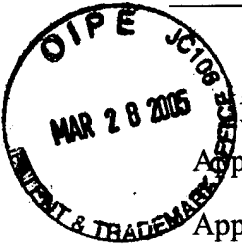


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 6.